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Dear Councellor da Silva:

Thanks for sending to me the press release concerning the agreement between Australia and Indonesia for exploration in the Timor Gap. I very much appreciate the actions of the Portuguese government as outlined in the press release.

Please let me know if the Portuguese government is considering taking this matter to the International Court of Justice. That would seem to me to be one way of achieving a speedy resolution to this matter.

Thank you once again for keeping me informed on this matter.

Sincerely,

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